

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 9, 1999  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Tom A. Beck, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)  
Rep. Matt McCann (D)  
Sen. Chuck Swysgood (R)  
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary  
Jane Hamman, OBPP  
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None

Executive Action: **HOUSE BILL 5 & 14** - LONG RANGE  
BUILDING PROGRAM

**REP. JOAN HURDLE** spoke on behalf of the expansion of the Women's  
Prison in Billings, **EXHIBIT(jlh32a01)**.

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**REP. MCCANN** asked if the parenting center was an expansion of the  
prison.

**SEN. SWYSGOOD** asked if the increase in the prison population would require a new housing block.

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that he was not in favor of building any new buildings.

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION HOUSE BILL 5 & 14 - LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM**

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**Motion:** **REP. ZOOK** moved TO APPROVE \$2,900,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND \$6,475,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO EXPAND THE WOMEN'S PRISON IN BILLINGS.

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**Discussion:** Concerning the expansion.

**SEN. BECK** suggested that the department build a women's prison in the west instead of expanding the prison in Billings.

**SEN. LYNCH** stated that he would not support the expansion, that the policy of decentralization for the men should also go for the women.

**SEN. SWYSGOOD** commented that he was very skeptical about the numbers and projections that the department had presented to the committee.

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**REP. MCCANN** spoke in support of building a parenting pod at the women's prison.

**Substitute Motion:** **REP. MCCANN** moved to CHANGE THE FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE WOMEN'S PRISON IN BILLINGS FROM \$2,900,000 IN BONDS AND \$6,475,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO \$125,000 IN CASH ONLY FUNDS, TO BE EXPENDED EXPLICITLY FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE PARENTING CENTER AT THE PRISON. Discussion followed.

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**Vote:** The question was called for on **REP. MCCANN'S** motion. Motion carried with **SEN. BECK** and **SEN. SWYSGOOD** voting no.

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**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. LYNCH** moved to APPROVE \$2,225,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE PINE HILLS YOUTH

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.** Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to **APPROVE \$550,000 IN BONDS AND \$5,500,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RECEPTION UNIT AT THE MONTANA STATE PRISON.** Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BECK moved to **APPROVE \$3,000,000 IN BONDS FOR THE SECURITY AND SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MONTANA STATE PRISON.** Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to **APPROVE \$5,500,000 IN BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 96 CELL HOUSING UNIT AT THE MONTANA STATE PRISON.** CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked that the contingency language in HB 14, concerning the department's projections, be struck, the committee concurred. **Motion failed with SEN. LYNCH voting aye.**

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**Motion:** SEN. LYNCH moved **TO USE EXCESS FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE MONTANA STATE PRISON PROJECTS, IN LIEU USING BONDED MONEYS.**

**Discussion:** Concerning **REP. MCCANN'S** motion for the expansion at the Women's Prison in Billings.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL stated that with the committee's approval he would work out the language for **SEN. LYNCH'S** motion, and they would vote on it later. Discussion followed, the committee concurred.

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#### **MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to **APPROVE \$657,000 IN CASH TO SPRINKLE THE LIBRARY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA.** **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to **APPROVE \$450,000 IN CASH TO VENTILATE AND UPGRADE THE FINE ARTS BUILDING AT U OF M, MISSOULA.** **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to INCREASE THE CASH FUNDING FOR THE BOILER UPGRADE AND VENTILATION AT U OF M, BUTTE, FROM \$280,000 TO \$530,000 AND TO APPROVE THE \$120,000 REQUEST FOR OTHER FUNDS.

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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$800,000 IN CASH AND \$400,000 IN OTHER FUNDS TO REPLACE STEAM DISTRIBUTION PIPING AT U OF M, WESTERN. Discussion followed, Mr. Hugh Jesse explained the request. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$125,000 IN CASH AND \$100,000 IN OTHER FUNDS TO UPGRADE BOILER CONTROLS AT U OF M, MISSOULA. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$225,000 IN CASH TO MAINTAIN MAIN HALL'S EXTERIOR AT U OF M, WESTERN. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Hugh Jesse explained the request for General Spending Authority, U of M. Questions were asked. Mr. Jesse stated that this project did not required an increase in student fees.

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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$3,500,000 IN OTHER FUNDS FOR GENERAL SPENDING AUTHORITY, U OF M. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$2,500,000 IN OTHER FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE PAXSON GALLERY, U OF M, MISSOULA.

REP. MCCANN asked for a brief explanation of the funding sources for projects 22 to 26 in **EXHIBIT(jlh32a02)**. Mr. Jesse responded.

**Discussion:** Concerning operation and maintenance for university buildings. SEN. LYNCH stated that the committee should set a policy that would hold for all buildings on each campus. CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL stated that buildings used for research should have part of their operation and maintenance costs paid for with federal funds. **EXHIBIT(jlh32a03)** was distributed - legislative intent regarding the funding of operations and maintenance, for university buildings, from the 54th and 55th legislative sessions.

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**Vote:** The question was called for on SEN. LYNCH'S motion.  
**Motion failed with SEN. LYNCH, SEN. BECK and SEN. SWYSGOOD voting aye.**

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SEN. LYNCH offered an amendment to the project for the Non-Denominational Chapel, U of M, Tech, **EXHIBIT(jlh32a04)**. CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked SEN. LYNCH to hold the amendment for a day. SEN. LYNCH withdrew his amendment.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 22.8}***

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$1,500,000 IN OTHER FUNDS FOR THE NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHAPEL, U OF M, TECH. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$10,000,000 IN OTHER FUNDS FOR THE FORESTRY/JOURNALISM ADDITION AT U OF M, MISSOULA. Discussion followed. Motion carried with CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL voting no.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.8 - 24.4}***

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$3,500,000 IN OTHER FUNDS FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER AT U OF M, MISSOULA. Discussion followed, Mr. Jesse explained the operation and maintenance costs for projects 22 to 26, EXHIBIT 2. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$23,000,000 IN OTHER FUNDS FOR THE LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING AT U OF M, MISSOULA. Motion failed with SEN. LYNCH voting aye.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.8 - 29.6}***

**Motion/Vote:** REP. ZOOK moved to APPROVE \$500,000 IN CASH TO MAINTAIN HVAC SYSTEMS AT MSU, BILLINGS AND COT, BILLINGS. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$1,506,000 IN CASH FOR ROOF REPLACEMENTS ON ALL CAMPUSES.

**Substitute Motion:** SEN. LYNCH made a substitute motion to INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT REQUEST FROM \$1,506,000 IN CASH TO \$1,591,000 IN CASH SO AS TO INCLUDE THE McMULLEN ROOF REPLACEMENT. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$486,000 IN CASH TO RENOVATE COWEN HALL AT MSU, NORTHERN. Discussion followed. SEN. LYNCH withdrew his motion.

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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. SWYSGOOD moved TO CHANGE THE FUNDING FOR THE RURAL TECH EDUCATION CENTER AT U OF M, WESTERN, FROM \$3,950,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND \$1,200,000 IN UNIVERSITY CASH TO \$4,170,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND \$350,000 IN UNIVERSITY CASH. Discussion followed, it was decided that the motion was to include contingency language stating that the bonding would be reduced if federal funds came in and the total project would not exceed \$4,520,000. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$2,000,000 IN BONDS FOR LAB AND CLASSROOM RENOVATION ON U of M CAMPUSES.

**Discussion:** Concerning matching student fees and renovations at MSU campuses. Mr. Bob Lashway, MSU, explained that the students at MSU had the same option as the U of M students, to increase their fees for classroom renovations, and had not opted to do so. He stated that he didn't want MSU's actions to hurt U of M's campuses. Commissioner Croft clarified the Board of Regents and President Dennison's roles in the project to renovate classrooms with moneys from increased student fees and matching state dollars.

**Vote:** The question was called for on SEN. LYNCH'S motion. Motion carried with REP. MCCANN and CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL voting no.  
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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BECK moved to APPROVE \$7,500,000 IN BONDS TO RENOVATE THE RENNE LIBRARY (AND TO PAY 100% OF THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE LIBRARY OUT OF CURRENT UNRESTRICTED FUNDS). Motion carried unanimously.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

**Motion/Vote:** REP. MCCANN moved to INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, STATEWIDE, FROM \$550,000 IN LRBP CASH TO \$730,000 IN LRBP CASH AND TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$250,000 IN OTHER FUNDS. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BECK moved to APPROVE \$300,000 IN LRBP CASH FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL MITIGATION, STATEWIDE. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. BECK moved to INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR ROOF REPLACEMENTS OR REPAIRS, STATEWIDE, FROM \$396,000 IN LRBP CASH TO \$521,000 IN LRBP CASH. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** REP. MCCANN moved to DECREASE THE FUNDING FOR THE FACILITIES ASSESSMENTS, STATEWIDE, FROM \$300,000 IN LRBP CASH TO \$100,000 IN LRBP CASH AND TO APPROVE THE \$50,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE, \$100,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS AND \$50,000 IN OTHER FUNDS.

**Discussion:** Mr. Bill Bayless, General Services, Department of Administration, explained the Facilities Assessments project. SEN. LYNCH spoke against REP. MCCANN'S motion.

**Vote:** The question was called for on REP. MCCANN'S motion. Motion carried with SEN. LYNCH and SEN. BECK voting no.  
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**Motion/Vote:** REP. ZOOK moved to FUND THE CAPITOL RENOVATION REVISED REQUEST OF \$3,898,750 AS A BONDED PROJECT, INSTEAD OF FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AND TO APPROVE \$1,000,000 IN OTHER FUNDS (Capital land grant). Motion carried with CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL voting no.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. ZOOK moved to RETURN THE \$6,000,000, FROM THE ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR THE CAPITOL RENOVATION, TO THE GENERAL FUND. Motion carried unanimously.  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8 - 28.7}

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$1,000,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE TO RENOVATE THE HAYNES GALLERY AREA, HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Motion carried with SEN. SWYSGOOD and CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL voting no.  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.7 - 31.1}

#### **MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**Motion/Vote:** REP. MCCANN moved to INCREASE THE FUNDING TO RENOVATE COWEN HALL AT MSU, BILLINGS, FROM \$486,000 IN LRBP CASH TO \$511,000 IN LRBP CASH. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.  
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**Motion:** REP. MCCANN moved to FUND THE PLANNING OF AN APPLIED TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX ON THE CAMPUS OF HAVRE WITH \$50,000 IN LRBP CASH, **EXHIBIT**(j1h32a05).

**Discussion:** Concerning the budget cut of \$200,000 from the request for Facilities Assessments statewide.

**Vote:** The question was called for on REP. MCCANN'S motion. Motion failed with REP. MCCANN, REP. ZOOK and SEN. SWYSGOOD voting aye.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BECK moved to INCREASE THE LRBP CASH FUNDING FOR THE FACILITIES ASSESSMENT STATEWIDE FROM \$100,000 TO \$150,000. Motion failed with SEN. BECK, SEN. LYNCH and REP. ZOOK voting aye.

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**General Discussion:** Concerning action still to be taken.

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**EXHIBIT**(j1h32a06) - suggested additions to the cash LRBP.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION HOUSE BILL 5 & 14 - LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM**  
**- CLOSED**



**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

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REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman

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CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (j1h32aad)